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NOTICE.

During my absence from Hongkong,
Mr. ROBERT COOKE will act as
Secretary.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

Intimations.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Half-yearly Meeting of the
Shareholders will be held in the
Office of the Company, No. 11, Praya
Central, on MONDAY, August 29th,
1881, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
and a Statement of Accounts to 30th
June, 1881.

The Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 15th to the 29th
instant, inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th August, 1881.

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Hongkong, August 11, 1881.

**HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK
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SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that the
Scrip in the above named Com-
pany, for Shares numbered 5640, 5641,
5642, and 5643, has been stolen, and
that application has been made that
the same may be cancelled and New
Scrip issued.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1881.

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LIMITED.**

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that the
undermentioned Scrip in the
above named Company has been stolen,
and that application has been made
that the same may be cancelled and New
Scrip issued.

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Hongkong, 30th July, 1881.

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All letters for publication must be written on one side of the paper only.

Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with all communications intended for insertion, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Notices to Subscribers.

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Domestic Notices, if properly authenticated, will be inserted free of charge.

BIRTH.

On August 16th at Paresa Villa, Robinson-road, Hongkong, the wife of W. G. Humphreys, of a son.

THE
Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 17TH AUGUST, 1881.

In the *Japan Gazette* of the 8th inst. the experienced and accomplished editor of that most feeble of Eastern journals, takes up the cudgels in defence of our highly virtuous contemporary the *China Mail*. He further distinguishes himself by making a few childish and ridiculous comments on recent differences between this paper and the *China Mail*; and, finally, after applauding our contemporary for consistently abusing Governor Hennessy, and glossing over his remarks with one or two glaring misstatements, he lapses into maudlin sentimentality, pities our youth (which of course we are not responsible for) and trusts we "will receive his remarks in the same spirit as that in which he has written them." He does not, however, enlighten us as to what was the "spirit" referred to.

We have no intention of wasting time and space, which can be very much better employed, in specially noticing the independent comments of respectable journals who may happen to differ from our views on general and political matters, or who may not agree with our mode of expressing such views. We never hoped to please everybody, and we certainly have no particular desire to win the favour of the *Japan Gazette*. As a matter of course, we are quite well aware that newspapers, whose opinions are worth having, will not in all cases approve of the somewhat vigorous style we assumed in exposing the scandalous conduct of the *China Mail* towards the Governor of Hongkong, and in giving the lie to the imputations published in that journal concerning ourselves. We are, therefore, quite prepared to allow the public to form their own views on the subject, so long as the statements published are fair, impartial, and truthful. As the defence of the *Mail* and the attack on ourselves in the *Japan Gazette* are not merely unfair, and grossly untruthful, but display a lamentable ignorance of journalistic etiquette and the ordinary courtesies which govern all branches of educated society, we

deem it due to ourselves, and to our many friends and supporters in Japan, to devote a few lines to proving to demonstration the actual amount of reliance which can be placed on the *Japan Gazette*, and what an honour to his profession the worthy gentleman who is supposed to edit that paper really is.

Without wasting time commenting on the stupid references of the *Japan Gazette* to the Essays of Elia, and Charles Dickens' Pickwickian caricatures, or noticing the ignorant and vulgar claptrap which so notably characterise our contemporary's introductory observations we will proceed to deal directly with the attack on ourselves. It will be remembered that the *China Mail*, in announcing Dr. Stewart's resignation of the Acting Colonial Secretaryship, animadverted in somewhat strong language on the cause which led to this act, and imputed motives of a dishonourable character to the Governor of this Colony, and indirectly to the editor of this journal. The imputations against Sir John Hennessy had to be publicly withdrawn, those against ourselves we promptly replied to, in forcible language, which has evidently not commended itself to the good graces of our northern critic. We should, however, like to know on what grounds the *Japan Gazette* can justify itself for stating that the strong remarks of the *China Mail*, censuring the line of policy pursued by Governor Hennessy, were "probably only too well deserved?"

In dealing with papers like the *China Mail* and the *Japan Gazette*, the kid-glove style of argument would be simply so much labour lost. To be respected, a public print should be truthful. Both the papers above-named are notoriously deficient in that essential to journalistic standing. The Hongkong paper we have already dealt with, and old stories re-told are generally tedious; we will therefore simply examine the *Japan Gazette*'s claims, on his own showing, to be considered a reliable judge of our personal proceedings.

Says the *Gazette*, "The *China Mail* be it observed has never once either directly or indirectly mentioned the name of the *Hongkong Telegraph* or in any way recognised its existence." If we were to say that the above statement is correct we should be telling an untruth; if on the other hand we stated the case fairly and expressed ourselves in plain English to the effect that it is a foolish misstatement, we will not say a stupid lie, we should offend our squeamish journalist, who has the impudence to inform us that we have adopted "a kind of Billingsgate towards the other two papers in this colony which calls for more than ordinary censure," and in the very next breath by inference commends the *China Mail* for pursuing a line of policy in relation to the Government of Hongkong which has actually excited a feeling something akin to disgust in the minds of even the bitterest of the Governor's opponents. If the not altogether omniscient editor of the *Japan Gazette* wishes to obtain ocular proof of how easy a thing it is to err, we commend a perusal of the *China Mail* of June 15th to his special attention.

Our friendly critic elegantly observes, with reference to the extract quoted above, "that the shoe has pinched in some way or another," and then prints our reply to the charge made by the *China Mail* that our columns had been used by Governor Hennessy to traduce his subordinates, and for other equally improper purposes. We admit it frankly; the shoe did pinch, and we took the first opportunity of repudiating in no uncertain language our contemporaries' imputations; but the *Japan Gazette* is greatly mistaken if he imagines that a fear of retaliation, or even a wholesome dread of a policeman, would have prevented the head-punching he refers to, had we considered that vulgar operation the proper remedy for our injuries.

Although the law generally affords a man protection against most injuries, it sometimes happens that such protection proves quite inadequate to atone for the character of the offence. The imputations reflected on this journal were of that exclusive character. In France or Spain a duel would inevitably have resulted; in England the editor of our contemporary would probably have either been publicly horsewhipped, or sued for libel. Self-respect closed the door on all these remedies to us, and we simply denied the charges made.

The writer in the *Japan Gazette* is good enough to say that he has spared us a longer infliction of his trashy utterances on account of our youth and inexperience, as he "is always ready to lean to the side of mercy and charity, and is therefore willing to attribute our ill advised remarks rather to (journalistic) youth and inexperience than to any natural depravity of heart or disposition." In common politeness we acknowledge what may possibly be intended for courteous counsel, although what our forcible denial of certain charges imputed to the *Telegraph* by the *China Mail* can have to do "with natural depravity of heart or disposition" is at present a mystery. At the same time we beg most emphatically to decline the consideration which the *Gazette* wishes to show us on account of our youth and inexperience. We regret that our Japan contemporary did not let himself out to the fullest extent, as the column on "Sensational Journalism in Hongkong" as a literary production is feeble beyond all measure, to say nothing of its general untruthfulness and unfair tendencies.

Our opponent is evidently no journalist. The references to the editor of this paper by name form a glaring breach of etiquette which only a novice could have perpetrated. As it happens however, Mr. Fraser-Smith is quite prepared to defend the position he has assumed and the language he has used towards the *China Mail*, now, or at any other time, here or in any other place; and we would point out to the editor of the *Japan Gazette* that it is no mere difference of opinion as he erroneously assumes, but questions of principle and fact, which we are prepared to maintain before any tribunal under the sun.

We might have treated the vapid utterances of the *Japan Gazette* with silent contempt; we have preferred to allude to them with contemptuous indifference. Had our contemporary been acquainted with the real facts of the case, he could hardly have exhibited such supreme ignorance of circumstances which are perfectly well known in Hongkong. In conclusion we have pleasure in assuring the writer of the article in the *Japan Gazette* as a sort of extenuation and excuse for our journalistic youth and inexperience, to which he so pathetically alludes, that, unless we are misinformed as to his identity, we were editing a public journal in days when his professional labours were confined to an anything but intellectual agricultural pursuit, the usual occupation of persons of his class at home, sweet home.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A mail closes for Bangkok at Singapore at 4 p.m. to-day.

The Great Northern Telegraph Company's steamer *Store Nordiske* left this port for Shanghai this morning.

The steamship *Larch* was docked at Aberdeen the morning. The *Norden* will undock this afternoon at Kowloon to make room for the *China*.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Keelung* reports seeing a number of comfortable and substantial-looking temporary houses on the otherwise barren and desolate Dodd Island, when passing on the 9th instant. A large number of working people were busily engaged at the site of the new light-house.

The great Chinese Government banker and negotiator of loans, Taotai Hoo, it is rumoured, is in trouble with the authorities at Peking.

The Chinese Telegraph is expected to be finished as far as Soochow in two or three days, but it is not expected that it will be worked immediately.—*Mercury*.

We learn from the Agents, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, that O. S. S. Company's steamer *Telemachus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for Hongkong and Shanghai yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Sheng, lately Customs Taotai at Tientsin, and now transferred to Washington, was requested to contribute Tls. 20,000 to the maintenance of the walls of Peking before his departure.—*Mercury*.

A grand review of Scotch Volunteers by Her Majesty the Queen will take place at Edinburgh on Wednesday August 24th. It is expected that Her Majesty, who will make a short stay in Edinburgh, will be accompanied by one or more members of the Royal family. Holyrood Palace is being prepared for their reception.

In our paragraph yesterday referring to the sale of the McDonald's Slip property, an accident in the press to the figure 3 made us state that the area of the ground according to lease was 1,300 square feet instead of 31,600. We are informed, on what we must consider good authority, that the price obtained for the property was \$85,000.

The decision at Peking in answer to Li Hung-chang's memorial is known. All works of importance as regards the water ways of Chihli are to be left to Li, but Tso Tsung-tang is to have a small and defined tract of country to experiment upon with his body guard. Thus, virtually, all the irrigation works are to be under Li's control.—*Mercury*.

At the Police Court this morning, before Dr. Stewart, George Blake and J. J. McBreen appeared in answer to summonses, for an alleged assault upon Mrs. McBreen, the wife of the latter defendant. The plaintiff was not in attendance when the case was called, and Mr. Mossop asked his Worship to adjourn the hearing, which was accordingly done.

An inquest was held at Barrow on the bodies of the four men killed by the boiler explosion recently at the launch of the *City of Rome*. A verdict was returned that the accident was caused by over-pressure of steam. Evidence was given that Lucas, one of the deceased, was told not to exceed a pressure of forty pounds to the square inch, but that immediately before the explosion the pressure indicated was seventy pounds.

A party of enterprising Chinamen has lately been in quest of a suitable spot where to establish a Shamshoo Distillery, and has provisionally rented from Mr. Sharp a place behind the Gas Works, which, if we are not mistaken, was selected for a similar purpose some time ago, but in consequence of the representations made by the manager of the Gas Company, was prohibited by the Government. Preparations are being made to commence the work at an early date.

An inquest was held at the Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Wodehouse, Coroner, and Messrs. Heasman, Guedes, and dos Reis, as a jury, to enquire into the circumstances of the death of a Chinese woman named Chong Tin Chon, aged 52 years. From the medical evidence it appeared that the deceased had taken opium, a quantity of which was found in her stomach. The evidence adduced showed the deceased had attempted suicide on a former occasion, and one witness, a sister of the deceased, suggested that the latter was not well treated, and had threatened to kill herself in consequence.

Although the cause of death was clear, the Coroner thought the contributory circumstances should be more fully sifted, and the enquiry was adjourned until Saturday afternoon next, when it will be resumed at the Magistracy at three o'clock.

We beg to call the attention of the Surveyor-General to two or three houses in Queen's-road Central, nearly opposite the Man On Insurance Office, which are in course of demolition. The front wall of one of these houses is supported by a number of weak planks and retaining poles which are quite insufficient to arrest its downward tendency, more especially in wet weather like the present. This wall, when sufficiently saturated with water will doubtless come down by the run, to the injury of whoever may be passing at the time.

A Macao correspondent informs us that the Do Cerial case, referred to in our issue of the 10th, was brought up in court on August 11th, when Baron do Cerial was called upon to pay the amount due to the Baroness for alimony, according to the decree of the court, or to give sufficient guarantee for payment of the same. The Baron appeared and offered to pay the sum of \$300 on account, which was accepted on the understanding that there should be no necessary delay in paying the balance, as well as all future payments due under the judicial decree.

The Board of Trade have awarded their silver medal to Captain Edward Clements, of the steamer *Khalifah*, for gallantry and courage displayed by him on the occasion of his vessel being attacked by a band of Arabs whilst proceeding up the river Tigris, with a number of passengers on board. Captain Clements was wounded by a bullet in the arm and body at the commencement of the attack, and the helmsman and the rest of the crew having deserted their posts and sought refuge below, he succeeded with one arm in steering the vessel, and was exposed during the attack, which lasted 35 minutes, to the fire of the Arabs. It was due to Captain Clements' courage that the vessel did not run ashore, in which case all on board would most probably have been murdered.

According to home papers, the spread of small-pox in London has lately caused much anxiety. A remarkable scene is to be witnessed on Finchley Common, though it is not of itself sufficiently attractive to draw much of a crowd. It consists of a group of large tents, and is nothing more nor less than a small-pox camp. Hitherto are brought the patients from the parish of Islington, and already there is talk of the necessity of enlarging the accommodation. Fortunately this will not be a difficult thing, since Finchley Common is broad enough. But matters are looking bad when the metropolis has to camp out its small-pox patients. The arrangements for the moving of hospital-ship down the river have been carried out. The ship, like the camp, is full.

A collision took place this morning between two steamers, which, as far as one of them is concerned, was of rather a serious nature. It appears that at about half-past six o'clock the *Tientsin*, Captain E. Robinson, started on her voyage to Chinkiang, and on her way down the river, when nearly opposite the Club, she came into collision with the steamer *Paladin*, Captain Parker, which was shifting from the China Merchant's Lower Wharf to Kin-le-yuen. The *Paladin* sustained very little damage, having only one of her davits bent; but the *Tientsin* fared worse. She had her fore-yard carried away, and one of her boats, the fluke of the *Paladin*'s anchor completely sweeping the boat away, and uprooting one of the davits. The *Tientsin* was compelled to put back, and is now anchored near Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's wharf.—*Journal*.

The law is not always comprehensive enough to embrace offenders of every class. People may break the law and be punished, but how about the cow. A four-legged law-breaker has recently been reported at the Dorset Quarter Sessions. Viscount Portman brought before the court the case of a cow which "utterly disregarded" the provisions of the Adulteration of Food Act. It transpired that the proprietor of the animal had been convicted by the magistrate for selling milk deficient in cream, and had appealed against the decision. After careful examination, the Inland Revenue Department Labo-

ratory found that the deficiency arose from no manipulation of the milk, but was peculiar to the cow from which it was obtained. What is to be done with a "cow" which obstinately refuses to give cream, and will yield nothing but skim milk? It is cruel to expect the proprietor to make the cream himself, and the authorities cannot well punish the cow.—*Sportsman*.

We are informed that the Forth Bridge Railway scheme, which provides for a bridge over the Firth of Forth, together with approaches on each side, is likely to be proceeded with. In the original Bill there were certain guarantees given by the great Railway Companies, but after the catastrophe to the Tay Bridge there appeared to be considerable hesitation as to the future steps to be taken in relation to the Forth Bridge, and a Bill was introduced into Parliament for the abandonment of the scheme. It has now been arranged by the various Companies concerned—namely, the North British, the Midland, the Northern Eastern, and the Great Northern—to modify the arrangement embodied in the former Bill, so that the Forth Bridge Company may be enabled to complete the undertaking, and it is expected that improvements will be made in the route to the north in addition to those which will be secured by the construction of the Bridge itself. The Bill lodged for the abandonment of the undertaking will be withdrawn in the course of a few days.

In their amusing column of "Notes on News," our London contemporary, the *Sportsman*, says:—"Aves Kalli Sirdar is evidently a rare fighting man in his own country. He is a Tekke warrior chief of such wondrous power that Persian children shrink in terror whenever his name is mentioned by their mothers. The English Black Bogie is not to be compared with him in his prime, and he is evidently more potent than the spirit of the Hartz Mountains. Like other great men, however, he seems to have become a very insignificant individual indeed as soon as he left home. On Wednesday he visited St. Petersburg, and was presented to the emperor, to whom he gave up his fighting sword in token of submission and loyalty, and, according to the Russian papers, he came away "overpowered by the graciousness of the Emperor, and delighted with the gold watch and chain presented to him." There is something comic in the notion of the great Tekke warrior, the dread of Persian children, coming down the Czar's front door-steps, hugging up a gold watch with as much joy as an aesthete enjoys when it comes to his turn to muse the old blue cracked tea-pot."

The following remarks from a home paper referring to the recent Volunteer Review held by Her Majesty in Windsor Park, do not say much for the completeness of our military organisation in England:—Volunteers or ex-volunteers, whose fate it may have been to take part in the last great review held in Windsor Park, will remember with pain the miserable accommodation then provided for feeding the hungry battalions which poured in from the provinces. They may call to mind the fact that men had to go a whole day without getting so much as a mouthful of food, while many persons were glad to purchase tiny glasses of horse-pond water vended from pails in the Long Walk. Apparently things are going to be little better this time, for we learn that Sir Garnet Wolseley has written to the commanding officers of Volunteer Corps stating that the arrangements for providing refreshments for the force on the day of the review have entirely broken down, and therefore each battalion will have to cater for itself. This is a rather sorry confession for the military authorities. If they are unable to cater for a handful of volunteers upon a field day, what, in the name of the great Blucher, would they do in case of war? Would each battalion have to cater for itself if blank cartridges were exchanged for ball, and the officers' swords passed over the grindstone?

Why is a joiner less handsome than his wife?—Because he is a *deut plauer* (plainer).

THE "THREE GRACES" AT THE GRAND STAND.

Time 5 a.m. Thermometer 190°.

"Harry" (facetiously)

Fungus, what do you call that pony?

"Fungus" (nettled)

Not "Wild Dash" my ancient enemy, It's "Juice" the public Race Course pet Who's match has not been foaled yet.

"Bill" (aside)

I'm weaving for "Juice" a tightish net And take the odds he's beat by "Cornet."

"Harry" (with warmth)

No? just wait, my boy, and see,

I'll bide my time most patiently.

I'll train by night, I'll know no rest,

Until "Wild Dash" your "Juice" shall

test.

I'll run your pony out of sight:

I'll —

"Fungus" (getting angry)

Gas away with all your might!

"Harry" (sulky)

Well, why your sneer at my "Wild

Dash?

"Fungus" (still angry)

Because I think he's just "Wild Trash."

"Harry" (very severely)

As for milk cows, you may be judge;

Your opinion of ponies I treat as all

fudge.

Why the "Judge" said —

"Fungus" (very red)

Bah! wait till our Jockey has put on

the silk.

(Thinks he's making an ass of himself)

Come round to the Farm for some

whisky and milk.

They leave the Grand Stand. Mr.

Bill remains until his 99th pony has

"gone round."—*Mercury*.

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, August 17th, 1881.

One o'clock P.M.

The most noteworthy incident in our commercial world yesterday, was the ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which will be found fully detailed in another column. After reading the report, Mr. McIver's remarks to the meeting were brief but to the point. The report was an eminently satisfactory one, and of course was unanimously adopted. The reference to the Corporation's recent successful negotiation of the Silver Loan for the Chinese Government, with the prospect of a very large additional profit to the usual earnings of the Bank, elicited some applause, as did the Chairman's intimation that the Directors had decided to extend the scope of their operations by the appointment of special agencies at Lyons and Tientsin with promise of good results. It would appear a by no means too sanguine anticipation to predict a dividend of £2 per share for the current half-year, according to present prospects. Nothing has been done in Bank shares for some days, but it is likely that news expected from Shanghai may lead to rather extensive operations before long. Docks are still getting weaker, and the sale of the McDonald's Slip property, which certainly ought to have to some extent strengthened the stock, appears to have had quite a contrary effect. A large amount of business was done yesterday at 8 for cash and the end of the month; and a number of time offers, 55 for the end of the year, were also closed with. The shares are on offer this morning at 48 without finding buyers. Other stocks still remain at nominal quotations. Exchange on London remains unaltered, that on Paris is a point weaker, and on Bombay and Calcutta a slight fall has to be recorded.

Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—106 per cent. premium, ex Div.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,675 per share ex dividend.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,700 per share.

North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 820 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, —\$305 per share,

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited — Tls. 148 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$995 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares —\$290 per share.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—48% premium, Sellers.

Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steam boat Company's Shares—\$24 per share premium, Sellers.

China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$82 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$110 per share, Sellers,

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$155 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Doubtless)—3 per cent premium.

Hongkong Ico Company's Shares—\$127 per share, Sellers.

Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$43 per share.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1874—(Nominal).

Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1875—(Nominal).

Exchange.

On LONDON,

Bank Bills, T.T., 3/8

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight; 3/8

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/8

Credits, at 4 months' sight, 3/8

Documentary Bills, at 4

months' sight, 3/9

On PARIS,

Bank Bills, on demand, 4/63

Credits, at 4 months' sight, 4/73

On BOMBAY,

Bank, T.T., 22/2

On CALCUTTA,

Bank, T.T., 22/2

On SHANGHAI,

Bank, T.T., 72

Private, 30 days' sight, 72/2

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. There were present Mr. McIver (Chairman), Messrs. H. de C. Forbes, Hon. E. R. Bellis, H. Hoppius, H. L. Dalrymple, W. Reiners, Hon. F. B. Johnson (Directors), Hon. P. Ryrie, C. P. Chater, A. Coxon, A. McConachie, J. F. Mairdell, D. McCallum, H. Just, E. George, W. H. F. Darby, H. Smith, A. Newton, J. Thurnburn, J. Mosely, E. Beart, J. R. Anton, A. T. Manger, J. T. Chater, J. Y. V. Vernon, A. P. MacEwen, M. E. H. Asgur, W. M. Morgan, W. Legge, R. H. Sleman, R. Fraser-Smith, and T. Jackson (Chief Manager).

The Chairman said—We have again the pleasure of coming before you with a satisfactory report, maintaining our increased dividend of 30s. per share, and placing one lakh of dollars to the reserve fund. The business of the Bank continues prosperous, and considering what we have accomplished during the last few years, there appears every reason to look forward with confidence to the future. During the last half-year it has been our good fortune to negotiate a loan with the Chinese Government on favourable terms, the profits on which will appear in future balance-sheets, and will form a considerable addition to the ordinary earnings of the Bank.—(Applause) The Directors have deemed it advisable to appoint special agents in Lyons and Tientsin, and they anticipate favourable results from both agencies. I shall be glad, gentlemen, to answer any questions you may wish to ask relating to the affairs of the Bank.—(Applause).

There being no questions, the Chairman moved that the report and accounts of the Bank for the half-year ending 30th June, 1881, be adopted. This was seconded by Mr. J. R. Anton and carried unanimously.

The Chairman said that concluded the business. He had merely to thank those present for their attendance, and to inform them that the dividend warrants would be payable on Wednesday (this day).

Why ought superstitious people to be necessarily temperate?—Because they are afraid of spirits.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

August 16, *Thales*, British steamer,

820, T. G. Pocock, Foochow 12th

August, Amoy 13th, and Swatow

15th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

August 16, *Zambesi*, British steamer,

1,540, A. Symons, Shanghai 13th

August, Mails and General.—

P. & O. S. N. Co.

August 16, *Kim Sook Hoal*, Siamese

bark, 208, P. Bong, Bangkok 30th

July, General.—Chinese.

August 16, *Amoy*, British steamer,

814, G. N. Drowes, Shanghai 12th

August, General.—Siemsson & Co.

August 16, *Emuy*, Spanish steamer,

222, Blanco, Manila 13th August,

Remedios & Co.

August 17, *Conquest*, British steamer,

318, T. Hamlin, West Coast and

Macao, 11th August, General.—

Shui Liang Hong.

August 17, *Chinkiang*, British steamer,

799, Orr, from Canton Aug. 16th.

—Siemsson & Co.

DEPARTURES.

August 16, *Esmeralda*, British steamer,

for Manila.

August 16, *Fu-ycu*, Chinese steamer,

for Shanghai.

August 17, *Store Nordiska*, Danish str.,

for Shanghai.

August 17, *Amoy*, British steamer, for

Canton.

August 17, *Sir John Laurence*, British

ship, for Falmouth.

August 17, *Bellona*, German steamer,

for Mantong.

August 17, *Carnarvonshire*, British

steamer, for Yokohama.

August 17, *Brutus*, German steamer,

for Hoihow, &c.

August 17, *Peng-chao-hai*, Chinese gun-

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August

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